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CPYRGHT Washington-(AP) ~~THREE DEMOCRATIC SENATORS~~ TODAY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT ALLEN W. DULLES, HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WOULD MAKE ESTIMATES ABOUT RUSSIAN PROGRESS ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM. SEN. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE-HOUSE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE, TOLD THE SENATE DULLES HAD REFUSED TO MAKE SUCH ESTIMATES PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. SEN. JACKSON COMMENTED THAT HE FELT DULLES OWED CONGRESS "A COMPLETE STATEMENT" ABOUT HIS TELEVISION APPEARANCE. JACKSON SAID HE HAD AGREED WITH WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS THE CIA DIRECTOR'S POLICY TO AVOID SUCH PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS. DULLES, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY BY REP. OSTERTAG (R-NY) FOR A TELECAST ON THREE NEW YORK STATIONS, SAID HE HAD NO EVIDENCE RUSSIA WAS AHEAD OF THIS COUNTRY IN THE FIELD OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE. HE SAID ALSO HE WAS QUITE SURE THE SOVIETS WERE NOT AHEAD OF THIS COUNTRY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY FROM ATOMIC REACTORS. SEN. GORE ASKED JACKSON IF WHAT DULLES SAID ON THE PROGRAM "DOES NOT COMPORT WITH WHAT HE HAS TOLD THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE IN SECRET, SHOULD HE NOT BE ASKED TO A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN EXPLANATION?" JACKSON ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD WANT AN EXPLANATION NOT ONLY IN CASE THERE WERE A CONTRADICTION, BUT ALSO HE WANTED TO KNOW WHY DULLES HAD CHANGED HIS POLICY ABOUT MAKING PUBLIC ESTIMATES ON SUCH SUBJECTS. HE SAID DULLES SHOULD GIVE THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE A FULL STATEMENT OF HIS VIEWS ON RUSSIAN PROGRESS IN THE ATOMIC ~~ARMED~~ FIELD, AND THE SPECIAL AIR FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY SEN. SYMINGTON HIS OPINION OF SOVIET WORK ON THE ICBM. JACKSON SERVES ON BOTH COMMITTEES. JACKSON SAID HE CONSIDERED THE TV INTERVIEW "MOST UNFORTUNATE" IF THE PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF IT WERE CORRECT.

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~~SEN. JACKSON~~ comments as follows:
"This evidently a rehearsed exchange on Senate floor today with Jackson in lead. Transcript Ostertag interview furnished Symington his request this morning. Copy also requested and to be furnished Joint Committee Atomic Energy. Will not know extent of press coverage until tomorrow but my guess is that Senators will not leave this one alone. Joint Committee has requested you give regular briefing first of next week but no apparent connection this request and matter discussed by on floor.
Exact language Ostertag ~~will~~ ^{interview} on points referred to by Senators will be cabled soonest."

END OF MESSAGE

Signed, Lt. Gen. Charles P.
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